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gressing. The newly-published volume is devoted to the Black Earth region, including the provinces of Ryazan, Tula, Orlov, Tambov, Penza, Voronezh, and Kursk. The book describes the topography, geological formation, rivers, soils, climate, fauna, and other features. Particularly detailed descriptions are given of the more densely-peopled regions in the order of their distribution along the railroad lines or tributary to them. The book has 123 illustrations, 35 diagrams, and one large and ten small maps.

On the Lakes of Southeastern Wisconsin. By N. M. Fenneman, Ph. D., Professor of Geology, University of Colorado. Pp. 178, Index, 36 plates of half-tone illustrations, 38 figures in the text and a small geological map of Wisconsin. (No. VIII. of the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, Educational Series, No. 2.) Madison, Wis., 1902.

This well-written and interesting volume is devoted to the physical geography of the lakes of Wisconsin, and is specially intended to assist teachers in the southeast part of the State to use the natural features of that region as an aid to understanding the principles of physical geography and geology. Teachers and students who may visit these beautiful lakes for purposes of physiographical study are to be congratulated upon having so helpful a guide.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE NEXT MEETING of the Society will be held at Mendelssohn Hall, No. 119 West Fortieth Street, on Tuesday, the 17th of March, 1903, at 8.30 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Harry de Windt will address the Society on the incidents of a journey From Paris to New York by Land.

On the 14th of April Mr. E. L. Corthell will recount his observations and experiences during Two Years in Argentina as Consulting Engineer of the Ministry of Public Works.

Prof. E. L. Stevenson's paper on Martin Waldseemüller and the Earliest Cartography of the New World (announced for the 17th of February and postponed on account of a snowstorm) will be read before the Society in November.

The Peary steamer *Windward*, presented five years ago to Mr.